## 2005 KLTI Brings SkillsUSA and HOSA Officers Together for the First Time

For the first time, officers from SkillsUSA and HOSA gathered together for a joint Kentucky Leadership Training Institute (KLTI) - held October 10-13 in Louisville.

The conference brought chapter officers from all over the state together for an event designed to prepare them for their duties on the local level.

"KLTI is one of the most challenging and rewarding learning experiences offered by SkillsUSA Kentucky," said Steve Phillippi, SkillsUSA Kentucky director. "This capstone event for students and advisors provides an opportunity for members to better understand the workings of a local chapter, the duties and responsibilities of chapter officers; parliamentary procedures, etiquette, communications, and competition in leadership events."

HOSA members joined their SkillsUSA counterparts incorporating their annual leadership conference into the KLTI event as a way to bring the student organizations together for collaboration and a better understanding of each other.

Also, in lieu of the cost of travel and expenses incurred for such conferences, the joint program was conceived to be a money saving venture as well.

State HOSA Advisor Elizabeth Bullock sees the training as a new way for the two established organizations to learn more from and about each other.

"While HOSA and SkillsUSA promotes different areas of learning, the two are similar in their missions to teach members community service, professionalism, leadership and teamwork," said Bullock. "This event was the perfect venue to allow students from both organizations to experience their counterparts and what they do."

Students and advisors participated in a variety of activities which help to develop confidence and skills in public speaking, creative problem solving and critical thinking. These skills will be shared with other members on the local level.

The institute was capped off with awards ceremonies for each organization in such categories as speech, opening and closing ceremony and extemporaneous writing.

Attending this leadership institute is often the first step toward state and national leadership in SkillsUSA and HOSA. In addition to KLTI, these students may well be involved in local, regional, state, and national leadership and skills competitions during the coming year.



Students work with advisors during a session.



OCTE Deputy Executive Director Lewis Carter addresses the conference.



Pictured from left: Breckinridge Co. ATC HOSA Advisor Debbie Gray, State Advisor Elizabeth Bullock, OCTE's Joyce Wogoman and Harrison Co. ATC HOSA Advisor Ellie Pribble pose with a quilt made from past HOSA conference shirts.



Pictured from left: HOSA Advisors Sherry Lawson of J.D. Patton ATC, Jill Stone of Lincoln Co. ATC, Rhonda Childress of Rockcastle Co. ATC and Martha Williams of Martin Co. ATC work on CPR and first-aid lesson plans for end-of-course assessment.



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